

# YORK LUNATIC ASYLUM.

THE Charity, which bears the name of the YORK LUNATIC ASYLUM, was established in the year 1777, by general subscription; and had for its first object the Cure and Relief of such Insane persons as were in low circumstances. How well it has answered the intended purpose, is sufficiently known in the extensive County in which it stands. Being an Establishment without either a fund or an annual subscription, the friends of the Patients pay a weekly sum suitable to their abilities; by which means the indigent are relieved at the expense of the affluent. In the management of the family, the strictest economy is observed; and the utmost attention is paid to decency and cleanliness. As nothing is demanded beyond what the friends of the Patients can afford to pay, the accumulation of money is not the object in view.—The unhappy sufferers consequently reap the full benefits arising from their own money. At the first opening of the Asylum, there was no distinction of Patients, and *all* paid eight shillings per week for their board and medicines; but after a few years it was found that this sum was not well proportioned, as under that regulation, those who were in easy circumstances paid too little, and those who were poor, and had no parish relief, paid too much. It was therefore ordered, That a few persons of better condition should be admitted on their paying a weekly sum, proportioned to their circumstances: And at the same time it was ordered, That the overflowings of *their* weekly payments should be applied in aid of those persons who were in narrow circumstances and paid for themselves. In this manner, the indigent Lunatic is now furnished with part of his subsistence from the stores of a fellow-sufferer, whom Providence has placed in more abundant circumstances. But as it would be unreasonable to expect the Physician to bestow a gratuitous attendance on persons in easy circumstances, (who in another place would have been his own private patients,) he is allowed to take from the friends of such patients the reasonable emoluments of his profession.

At this present time, the Asylum contains 112 Patients. These the Governors have formed into three Divisions. The first Division, never to exceed 25, consists of such Patients as are of better condition, and who pay a considerable weekly sum for their board and medicines, the surplus of which (about one hundred pounds per annum) is employed in lessening the payments of those who are in low circumstances, and have no parish relief. Some persons have said that these patients are admitted to the exclusion of the insane poor; but that is an unjust and injurious supposition, as no one poor person has ever been refused admission for want of room; neither is it probable that such a refusal will ever take place, as at this present time there are many rooms unoccupied: And as a proof that this is a charitable Improvement, the Governors of the Lunatic Asylum at Manchester,

Liverpool, Gloucester, and other places, have adopted the measure. The second Division consists of those patients who pay eight shillings per week for their board and medicines; a sum which, from experience, is found equal to the expense incurred by Patients in general. In this Division the Governors have included the parish paupers, judging it unreasonable that the opulent Inhabitants of a Parish should share with the necessitous objects of the third Division, any part of the savings arising from the enlarged payments of the few Patients in easy circumstances. The third Division consists of Patients in very low circumstances, who pay for their board, and receive nothing from their respective parishes. These are all objects of pitiable distress. On this Division of distressed Individuals, in number 26, the Governors, as already observed, bestow the overflowings of the first Division, together with the interest of nearly 800*l.* given by Lady Gower, Mrs. Bouchier, Mrs. Bouverie, and others, “for the relief of the most necessitous objects, at the discretion of the Governors.” Without those aids, the poor objects of this Division could not subsist in the Asylum, it being well known that no part of the public money has ever been employed in the *maintenance* of the Patients. On the contrary, the Patients, by weekly payments proportioned to their abilities, have hitherto defrayed all the expenses of the Household, together with the Salary of the Apothecary, and the Wages of the Servants, amounting in the last year nearly to the sum of 1800*l.* The present estate of the Asylum does not exceed 3600*l.* capital Stock, in the Three per Cents. the Interest of which is employed in the repairs of the fabric, and in the purchase of furniture, which, in an Establishment of this kind, is attended with a considerable annual expence. This fund, however, is daily increasing by Donations and Legacies. This year, sixteen new Bed Rooms have been added by an order of the General Court, and in consideration of the increased number of Patients, several Day Rooms have been constructed, by which improvement the House is rendered perfectly sweet and commodious. The Governors flatter themselves that the expense of this necessary improvement (about 1500*l.*) will soon be repaid by the liberality of the public. An Institution, so charitably and wisely constructed, is justly entitled to the approbation of mankind, and the Governors have a peculiar pleasure in acknowledging that approbation, made still more valuable, by the liberality of the humane and charitable, whose respectable names are recorded on the walls of the Committee-room, and here transcribed.—To conclude, the Public, with unbounded generosity, raised a large Sum for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a commodious Building for the reception of one hundred unhappy objects; and after four Years the whole was completed, under the direction of a Committee, to whose care and attention the Public are indebted for the present useful and benevolent Charity.

## RESOLUTIONS and ORDERS.

RESOLVED, That this Charity shall be named the YORK LUNATIC ASYLUM, and be considered as a general Establishment for the reception of all persons labouring under an unsound mind, whether curable or not.

ORDERED, That all the patients in the house, and such as may hereafter be received, shall be classed according to their respective circumstances

CLASS 1. Eight shillings per week. CLASS 5. Twelve shillings per week.  
 — 2. Nine shillings. — 6. Thirteen shillings.  
 — 3. Ten shillings. — 7. Fourteen shillings.  
 — 4. Eleven shillings. — 8. Fifteen shillings & upwards.

N. B. The above payments discharge lodging, board, coal, and candle, tea, washing, and medicines; but those whose payments exceed eight shillings per week, pay for their own washing.

ORDERED, That a separate table be kept for such patients as are rated above eight shillings per week, with the privilege of being admitted without certificates.

RESOLVED, That women with child, labouring under an unsound mind, shall be received, upon security being given that the child shall not become burthensome to the parish in which the Asylum stands.



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ORDERED, That in cases of sudden lunacy, patients will be received into the house without previous notice, if presented before sun-set: But in all other cases, it is expected that notice be sent to the Apothecary at the Asylum a few days before the arrival of the patient, that every thing may be properly prepared for his or her reception.

RESOLVED, That Lunatics, coming recommended as parish poor, shall be placed in the first class, except upon extraordinary occasions; it being the intention of this institution to give the greatest relief to such persons as are in low and distressed circumstances, and who are not supported by their respective parishes.

RESOLVED, That it would be *convenient* to the Public, as well as *advantageous* to the Asylum, if a few patients in easy circumstances were admitted.

ORDERED, That patients of the above description shall in future be admitted, on their paying a suitable pension to the Asylum; but it is understood that the attending Physician shall receive from the friends of such patients, the reasonable emoluments of his profession.

ORDERED, That the Physician shall attend, *gratis*, the parish poor, and all patients whose weekly payments do not exceed eight shillings.

ORDERED, That the savings arising from the enlarged payments of the patients of better condition, shall be bestowed upon those patients who are in very low circumstances, and pay for their own board; but parishes shall not be entitled to any part of these savings.

RESOLVED, That a donation of twenty pounds, or upwards, (if given without conditions) shall constitute a Governor, with the privilege of recommending as many patients as he may think proper.

ORDERED, That the following be the forms of admission for all patients whose payments do not exceed eight shillings per week.

### PETITION.

To the GOVERNORS of the LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The Petition of —, on the behalf of —, of the parish of —, in the county of —,

Showeth,

That in regard the said — is a Lunatic, as appears by the annexed certificate, your Petitioner, prays that the said — may be admitted a patient into the Asylum.

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[The Petitioner's name.]

I desire the said Lunatic may be admitted a patient in the Asylum, if a fit object.

[A Governor's name.]

### CERTIFICATE of the MINISTER and CHURCHWARDENS.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, the Minister and Churchwardens of the parish of —, in the county of —, do certify, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that — is now a Lunatic: That — is aged about — years, and became disordered in — senses some time in the month of —, 18 : That — legal settlement is in the parish of —.

Witness our hands the — day of —, 18

Minister.

} Churchwardens.

### CERTIFICATE of a PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, or APOTHECARY, if any has attended the PATIENT.

To the GOVERNORS of the LUNATIC ASYLUM.

I the underwritten —, of the parish of —, in the county of —, do certify that —, of the parish of —, in the county of —, is a Lunatic: That — present state of mind is \*

Witness my hand the — day of —, 18

\* Here express the condition of the patient, whether furious, flighty, or melancholy.

ORDERED, That one guinea be deposited in the hands of the Steward, upon the admission of all patients whose weekly payments do not exceed eight shillings per week, in order to defray the expenses of the funeral in case of death; but to be returned on the patient's leaving the Asylum: At the same time, three weeks board must be paid in advance.

RESOLVED, That the following form be recommended for bequeathing a legacy.

I give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the sum of —, upon trust, and to the intent that they do pay the same to the Treasurer, for the time being, of a society, who call themselves "The Governors of the Lunatic Asylum at York;" which said sum of — I desire may be paid out of my personal estate, and be applied towards carrying on the charitable designs of the said Society.

### MEDICAL STATE of the ASYLUM.

On the first day of January, 1777, the house was opened for the reception of patients, since which time, to the first day of August, 1800, 1347 insane persons have been admitted.

Admitted since the beginning .....	1347
Cured .....	655
Relieved .....	307
Incurable, and removed by desire of their friends .....	153
Died .....	120
Remain in the house, 67 men, and 45 women, among whom are 26 patients who enjoy the benefit of a considerable sum, annually arising from the enlarged payments of a few patients in easy circumstances. }	112
—	1347

THOMAS PRESTON, *Treasurer.*

A. HUNTER, *Physician.*

CHARLES ATKINSON, *Apothecary.*

\* \* Ladies and Gentlemen who are desirous of giving encouragement to an Institution that is calculated to lessen the number of private mad-houses, by affording a comfortable retreat to a considerable body of unhappy sufferers, at a price proportioned to their abilities; are requested to send their charitable donations to Messrs. GARFORTH and Co.; Messrs. WILSON, SMITH, and Co. Bankers in York; or, to Messrs. MARTIN and Co; Messrs BOLDERO and Co.; Messrs. ROBERTS and Co.; Messrs. HARRISON and Co. Bankers in London.



# BENEFACTIONS.

HIS Grace Dr. Drummond the late Arch- bishop of York	£ 52 10 0
His Grace the present Archbishop of York	52 10 0
His Grace the Duke of Leeds	152 10 0
His Grace the Duke of Devonshire	100 0 0
Marquis of Rockingham	105 0 0
Marchioness of Rockingham	52 10 0
Countess Dowager Gower	500 0 0
Countess Conyngham	20 0 0
Late Earl of Kinnoul	20 0 0
Earl of Carlisle	105 0 0
Late Earl of Scarborough	52 10 0
Earl of Scarborough	21 0 0
Late Earl of Darlington	26 5 0
Earl Fitzwilliam	105 0 0
Earl Fauconberg	52 10 0
Earl of Radnor	50 0 0
Earl of Aylesbury	50 0 0
Earl Spencer	20 0 0
Lord Viscount Irwin	52 10 0
Lord Viscount Galloway	50 0 0
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London	10 10 0
The late Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Clogher	21 0 0
Late Lord Middleton	52 10 0
Lord Bingley	105 0 0
Late Lord Grantley	52 10 0
Late Lord Harewood	52 10 0
Lady Dowager Harewood	21 0 0
Lord Dundas	52 10 0
Lord Brownlow	20 0 0

## A

Late Rev. Sir William Anderson, bart	52 10 0
Late Sir George Armitage, bart	52 10 0
Anonymous, by Joseph Banks, esq	50 0 0
Anonymous, by the Rev. Mr Rockett	50 0 0
Anonymous, by Mr John Dodsworth	10 0 0
Anonymous, by William Preston, esq	5 5 0
Anonymous, by Martin and Co. Bankers in Lond.	50 0 0
Anonymous, by the Dean of York	2 2 0
Anonymous, by Mr. Bishoprick	1 1 0
Anonymous, by the Rev. Mr Rockett	2 2 0
Anonymous, by Henry Jubb, esq	20 0 0
Anonymous, by Henry Jubb, esq	10 10 0
Anonymous, by the Rev. Mr Willan	10 10 0
Anonymous, by Mr Garenieres	5 5 0
Anonymous, by Garforth and Co	20 0 0
Anonymous, by William Green, esq	5 5 0
Anonymous, by Mr T. Taylor	20 0 0
Anonymous, by Dr. Hunter	20 0 0
Anonymous, by Mr Rowland Carr	20 0 0
Anonymous, by the Rev. Mr Beckwith	21 0 0
Anonymous, by Mr Rhodes	10 10 0
Anonymous, by Dr. Hunter	5 5 0
Anonymous, by Mr Eastburn	5 5 0
Anonymous by Mr Surr	5 5 0

## B

Late Sir Griffith Boynton, bart	52 10 0
Mrs Bourchier	252 0 0
Mrs Bouverie	50 0 0
Henry Baines, esq	6 6 0
Joseph Banks, esq	26 5 0
Thomas Barstow, esq	21 0 0
Ralph Bell, esq	52 10 0
Rev. Mr Best	10 10 0
William Bethell, esq	52 10 0
Mrs Bower	60 0 0
Christopher Bethell, esq	26 5 0
Robert Bewlay, esq	10 10 0
Peter Birt, esq	25 0 0
Rev. Mr Blake	2 2 0
John Blaydes, esq	26 5 0
Mrs Urfula Blomberg	20 0 0
Mr Thomas Bond	10 10 0
Rev. Mr Bouchery	10 10 0
Mrs Elizabeth Bowes	20 0 0
Mrs Dorothy Bowes	20 0 0
Robert Bower, esq	21 0 0
John Bowman, esq	21 0 0
Rev. Mr Bowman	10 10 0
Mrs A. Boynton	10 10 0
Robert Burton, esq	26 5 0
Hans Bask, esq	50 0 0
William Beckwith, esq	20 0 0
Edmund Bramston, esq	21 0 0
Rev. Mr Berdmore	20 0 0
William Burgh, LL. D.	20 0 0
Dr. Beckwith	20 0 0
Robert Rockley Batty, esq	20 0 0

## C

Lord John Cavendish	52 10 0
Nathaniel Cholmley, esq	52 10 0
Mrs J. Cholmley	21 0 0
Childers Walbanke Childers, esq	26 5 0

Mr Charles Chaloner	£ 10 10 0
John Carr, esq	26 5 0
Edward Constable, esq	25 0 0
William Cholmley, esq	10 10 0
Marinaduke Constable, esq	50 0 0
Thomas Cordley, esq	10 10 0
Rev. Mr Cowper	15 15 0
Stephen Croft, jun. esq	26 5 0
Late Samuel Crompton, esq	26 5 0
Samuel Crompton, esq	10 10 0
Charles Crowle, esq	26 5 0
William Crowle, esq	26 5 0
Mordecai Cutts, esq	21 0 0
H. Craythorn, esq	21 0 0
Rev. Robert Charlesworth	21 0 0
Rev. Mr Cayley, Residentiary	20 0 0
Rev. Newcombe Cappe	20 0 0
Joseph Cappe, M. D.	20 0 0
Rev. Robert Croft	20 0 0
Rev. Andrew Cheap	20 0 0

## D

Hon. Christopher Dawnay	52 10 0
Sir Lawrence Dundas, bart	52 10 0
Late William Danby, esq	52 10 0
John Dealtry, M. D.	52 10 0
Doncaster (Corporation of)	50 0 0
Thomas Duncombe, esq	50 0 0
Charles Slingsby Duncombe, esq	60 0 0
Rev. Mr Driffild	2 2 0

## E

Sir John Eden, bart	26 5 0
Sir Henry Elnerington, bart	50 0 0
Giles Earle, esq	52 10 0
Gregory Elsley, esq	21 0 0
John Errington, esq	52 10 0
George Ewbank, esq	10 10 0
Rev. Anthony Fountayne Eyre	20 0 0
Mr Ezard	26 5 0
Mr Michael Eastburn and Son	20 0 0
Rev. John Eyre	20 0 0
Mr Gervas Elam	21 0 0

## F

Late Sir Thomas Frankland, bart	52 10 0
Rev. Dr. Fountayne, Dean of York	31 10 0
Ditto, (2d Subscription)	20 0 0
Late Walter Fawkes, esq	52 10 0
Benjamin Ferrand, esq	21 0 0
Joshua Field, esq	21 0 0
Messrs. W. and T. Fenton	26 5 0
Francis Foljambe, esq	50 0 0
Mrs Foljambe	20 0 0
Mrs Mary Foerd	21 0 0
Miss Fountayne	20 0 0
Miss Judith Fountayne	20 0 0
Bacon Frank, esq	52 10 0
Ditto, a collected donation	54 10 0
Robert Fairfax, esq	20 0 0
Mrs Foster	10 10 0

## G

Sir Thomas Gascoigne, bart	52 10 0
Messrs. Garland and Braint	10 10 0
Rev. Mr Goodricke	21 0 0
Wilmer Goslip, esq	21 0 0
Garforth and Company's Bank	26 5 0
Peter Goullett, esq	10 10 0
John Greame, esq	21 0 0
Late John Grimston, esq	52 10 0
Robert Grimston, esq	52 10 0
Mrs M. Grimston	20 0 0
Greggion Society at Pontefract	17 17 0
Miss Euphemia Gifford	20 0 0

## H

Late Sir Robert Hildyard, bart	52 10 0
Lady D. Hotham	4 4 0
Sir Richard Hotham	50 0 0
Mrs Hartley	21 0 0
John Harrifon, esq	20 0 0
Adam Hay, esq	10 10 0
Thomas Haynes, esq	21 0 0
Dr. William Herring, Dean of St. Asaph	21 0 0
John Hewitt, esq	50 0 0
Mrs Ann Hitch	21 0 0
Rev. Mr Holmes	10 10 0
Mann Horsfield, esq	26 5 0
John Hudson, esq	26 5 0
A. Hunter, M. D.	21 0 0
Rev. John A. Hunter	21 0 0
Mrs Hesletine	10 0 0
Atkinson Holden, esq	20 0 0
Robert Holden, esq	25 0 0
John Hay, esq	20 0 0

Richard Hey, esq	£ 21 0 0
Richard Hobson, esq	21 0 0
Rev. Mr Hewthwaite	10 0 0
Thomas Hartley, esq	20 0 0
John Hotham, esq	20 0 0

## J

Peter Johnson, esq	26 5 0
Ditto, (second subscription)	20 0 0
Mrs Johnson	21 0 0
Mrs Johnson	26 5 0
Mrs F. Johnson	26 5 0
Mrs I. Johnson	26 5 0
William Tuffnell Jolliff, esq	52 10 0
Robert Jubb, esq	26 5 0
Henry Jubb, esq	21 0 0
Ambrose Isted, esq	21 0 0
Mrs Isted	10 0 0

## K

Sir John Lister Kaye, bart	52 10 0
Rev. Sir Richard Kaye, Dean of Lincoln	25 0 0
John Key, esq	26 5 0
Mrs Key	21 0 0
Mrs Mary Key	21 0 0
Mrs Catharine Key	231 10 0

## L

Sir Digby Legard, bart	26 5 0
Lady Dowager Legard	25 0 0
Sir James Tylney Long, bart	52 10 0
Daniel Lascelles, esq	52 10 0
Edward Leedes, esq	4 4 0
Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons in York	26 5 0
Rev. Mr Leman	1 1 0
Thomas Lumb, esq	20 0 0
Late George Lloyd, esq	30 10 0
Mr James Luntley	20 0 0
Richard Langley, esq	50 0 0
John Lawson, M. D.	21 0 0

## M

Sir Ralph Milbanke, bart	52 10 0
Late Sir William Milner, bart	52 10 0
Henry Maister, esq	26 5 0
Nathaniel Maister, esq	26 5 0
William Marsden, esq	21 0 0
William Marwood, esq	52 10 0
Rev. Dr. Marsden	10 10 0
Rev. Mr Mason	21 0 0
Mrs Hannah Marsden	10 10 0
Merchants' Company in York	105 0 0
Gamaliel Milner, esq	10 10 0
Mrs Milner	5 5 0
S. Miles, esq	5 5 0
Timothy Mortimer, esq	21 0 0
Rev. Mr Mosley	10 10 0
Rev. Mr Murgatroyd,	10 10 0
Thomas Mayer, esq	20 0 0
Henry Myers, esq	20 0 0
S. Moody, esq	20 0 0
Mr Mackintosh	4 4 0

## N

Sir James Norcliffe, bart	52 10 0
Thomas Norfolk, esq	10 10 0
Rev. A. T. Newman	2 2 0

## O

Joshua Oldfield, esq	21 10 0
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## P

Hon. Philip Pusey	200 0 0
Sir Michael Pilkington, bart	50 0 0
Late George Palmes, esq	21 0 0
William Paul, esq	10 10 0
Thomas Pierse, esq	26 5 0
John Pratt, esq	26 5 0
William Preston, esq	21 0 0
Metcalf Proctor, esq	50 0 0
Robert Parker, esq	21 0 0
Mrs Pierse	2 2 0
Rev. Thomas Preston	25 0 0

## R

Lady Robinson	21 0 0
Hugh Robinson, esq	10 10 0
Rudston Calverley Rudston, esq	26 5 0
John Royds, esq	10 10 0
Rev. Mr Rousby	20 0 0
Rev. Mr Ramsden	20 0 0
William Read, esq	50 0 0
Mr John Raines	21 0 0

## S

Sir George Saville, bart	126 0 0
Sir William St. Quintin, bart	52 10 0
Sir Frank Standish, bart	21 0 0
Sir Saville Slingsby, bart	26 5 0
Rev. Sir Mark Sykes, bart	52 10 0
Sir Christopher Sykes, bart	52 10 0



